

HOUSE BILL 374

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,  
relative to law enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-312, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(h) Every member serving on a community oversight board on July 1, 2021, shall complete the local law enforcement agency's citizen police academy by January 1, 2022. Every member appointed to serve on a community oversight board after July 1, 2021, shall complete the local law enforcement agency's citizen police academy within six (6) months of beginning service on the board. If a member fails to comply with this requirement, the community oversight board shall lose the authority granted by this section until all members have completed the citizen police academy.

(i) Subsection (h) does not apply to members of a community oversight board whose local law enforcement agency does not provide a citizen police academy course.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-312(g), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(3) "Citizen police academy" means any program established by a law enforcement agency to educate citizens on law enforcement operations, practice, and training.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.